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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 149079

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SUBJECT: YANG HSI-KUN CALLS ON DEPUTY SECRETARY AND OTHERS

1. ON JULY 27, ROC VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS YANG
HSI-KUN CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM (AT 11:30)
AND UNDER SECRETARY PORTER (AT 12), LUNCHEDED WITH THE UNDER
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SECRETARY, HUMMEL, NEWSOM, ET AL., MET WITH THE DEPUTY

SECRETARY (AT 5), AND ATTENDED A DINNER IN HONOR OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AT THE ROC EMBASSY RESIDENCE THAT EVENING. ROC AMBASSADOR SHEN, WHO HOSTED THE LUNCH AND DINNER, ACCOMPANIED YANG THROUGHOUT.

2. YANG TOLD NEWSOM THAT THE ROC CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH 13 AFRICAN STATES AND COMMUNICATES" WITH TWO ADDITIONAL STATES, SENEGAL AND MAURITIUS. NOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VANGUARD PROGRAM IN MAINTAINING THESE RELATIONSHIPS, YANG ASKED FOR CONTINUED PL 480 SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM. NEWSOM, IN RESPONSE, NOTED THE MARKED REDUCTION IN COMMODITY AVAILABILITIES FOR FY 1974 AND STATED THAT ONE OF HIS MOST DIFFICULT CURRENT TASKS WAS TO MAKE THIS FACT KNOWN TO AFRICANS WHO HAVE DEPENDED ON PL 480 RESOURCES AND FOR WHOM IT MIGHT BE A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH.

3. DURING THE BRIEF MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY PORTER, YANG CONTINUED TO PURSUE THE VANGUARD TOPIC, BUT SAID HE AGREED FULLY WITH THE UNDER SECRETARY'S VIEW THAT ADDITIONAL FOOD IN AFRICA PROBABLY MEANT THAT SOON THERE WOULD BE MORE MOUTHS TO FEED. HE ALSO APPEARED TO AGREE WITH THE UNDER SECRETARY'S SKEPTICISM ABOUT (SUB-SAHARAN) AFRICA'S ABILITY FULLY TO SUPPORT ITSELF EVER.

4. DURING HIS CONVERSATION WITH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY, YANG AGAIN ASKED FOR US SUPPORT OF THE VANGUARD PROGRAM, EXPRESSED THE DESIRE FOR VISITS BY HIGH LEVEL US OFFICIALS TO IMPRESS UPON THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN OUR CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO THE ROC, REQUESTED THE SALIENT POINTS OF DR. KISSINGER'S FORTHCOMING TALKS IN PEKING, AND ASKED ABOUT FUTURE STEPS IN THE NORMALIZATION OF US-PRC RELATIONS.

5. IN REPLY, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SAID THAT, WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ROC VANGAURD EFFORTS, THEY WOULD HAVE TO "GET ALONG WITHOUT US" DUE IN PART TO OUR CURRENT FOOD SHORTAGES AT HOME. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SAID THAT WE DO NOT NOW INTEND TO GO BEYOND THE STAGE OF LIAISON OFFICES IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRC. HE
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ADDED THAT HE BELIEVED OUR IMPROVING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRC, BY REDUCING THE DANGER OF WAR IN THAT AREA, COULD BE CONSIDERED ADVANTAGEOUS EVEN TO THE ROC. NOTING THAT THE KISSINGER VISIT TO PEKING HAS BEEN POSTPONED, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SAID WE WOULD INFORM THE GRC ABOUT MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THEM. RESPONDING TO YANG'S INVITATION TO VISIT TAIWAN PERSONALLY, THE UNDER SECRETARY SAID HE HOPED ONE DAY HE WOULD BE ABLE TO DO SO.

6. YANG IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE WASHINGTON FOR NEW YORK
JULY 28, RETURNING TO TAIPEI AUGUST 1 VIA SAN FRANCISCO.
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